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NEW CANTON RAILWAY HOSPITAL COMPLETED

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Construction of the new Central Railway Hospital of the Canton Railway Control Bureau has been completed, and the hospital will be formally opened early next month. The new hospital will be one of the Canton Railway Control Bureau's larger model hospitals.

The hospital covers more than 6,000 square meters. The basic construction cost was 9 billion yuan. The hospital includes two large buildings for the out-patient division and the in-patient division. The out-patient capacity is 1,500 patients a day; in the in-patient division there are three wards for internal medicine, surgery, and obstetrics, with a total of 280 beds. An isolation ward building and a workers dormitory will also be built. The Canton Railway Hospital was modeled after the Harbin Railway Hospital and with certain practical adaptations. The hospital will be very homelike and devoid of the usual hospital discomforts.

There are over 200 doctors, nurses, and medical staff members. The hospital includes the following departments: internal medicine; surgery; obstetrics; pediatrics; ophthalmology; ear, nose, and throat; and a physical therapy department fully equipped with therapeutic instruments. The physical therapy department is divided into an X-ray room, an electrotherapy room, and a physical therapy room, etc. The installations include deep therapy machines, and the hospital is equipped to provide the latest Soviet technique of the paraffin wax treatment for chronic rheumatic diseases. Pavlov's theory on prophylaxis will be generally applied to broaden the effectiveness of medical treatment.

Hospitalization is free for railway workers; workers who are injured on the job do not pay for board and room. Dependents of railway workers are also admitted free; however, when expensive drugs or medicines are used the patients pay part of the cost of such medication.

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